



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Dan Smith Demonstration - Thursday 6 March 2025

Dan will be visiting us for our next club night. He will be demonstrating "how to make a bird feeder using different chuck, drill and indexing methods."

Here's a brief biography from Dan's [Facebook page](#) :

My woodturning journey started when I was in my early teens around the year 2000.

After leaving school in 2002 I studied furniture making and restoration, whilst working part time in a Woodturning supply shop. I then took a hiatus and went into education and worked in a school. Coming back to woodturning in 2014 when I set up Taylors Mirfield. 5 years ago I went full time with my little shop and, as they say, have never looked back! In 2020 I was accepted onto the Register of Professional Turners. I now offer a broad range of pen turning and woodturning supplies as well as offering tutoring within our purpose build classroom, and now demos.



Midlands Woodworking Show Newark Friday 7 – Saturday 8 March.

I hope the 7 members who are planning a trip to Newark enjoy themselves. Perhaps one of you can write a report on return, to let us know whether it is worth a trip another year.

Second Hand Chuck

A message from Dave Muckle, from Teesside Woodturners. *I have for sale an Axminster SK 80 chuck with standard jaws. I may be able to find some more jaws if I keep looking. Thread size is 1" x 8 tpi and is in excellent condition. Price £65. Happy to post out.*

Standard jaws are 55mm expansion, 42mm contraction. The price is slightly under half the current retail price. [Let me know](#) if you are interested.

Training Day Monday 17 March 2025

Geoff tells me all 12 places on the training day are now full, but he is happy to take reserves in case anyone drops out. Please let [Geoff](#) know if you wish to be considered.

Gallery

16 years ago, before I started turning, I made a commemorative geography trophy for Malton School, using reclaimed oak library shelving and a bought plastic globe, with an engraved plate made by Barry, the school's technology teacher. Inevitably the plastic has now broken, so I made a replacement using a globe turned from spalted beech, which suggests mapping without actually being realistic. The oak base and rear were retained – there are 16 years of winners engraved on the back.



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